

# FACT SHEET

## ➔ WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE?

To earn The Pittsburgh Promise, students must have: (1) been enrolled in Pittsburgh Public Schools, or one of the four schools chartered by Pittsburgh Public Schools, and (2) been a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, continuously, since at least the beginning of 9th grade; (3) graduate from a PPS high school with a minimum cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 2.50 and an attendance record of 90% or above.

Students who meet the other Promise requirements, but graduate with a cumulative, unweighted grade point average between 2.0 and 2.49 may apply for The Promise Extension Program at Community College of Allegheny County. Promise funds help pay for the program, and those who complete the year-long curriculum successfully become fully Promise-eligible.

## HOW MUCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WILL I RECEIVE?

Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale that rewards longevity in the school district.

### Continuous Residency & Enrollment Since:

Kindergarten  
1st–5th grades  
6th–8th grades  
9th grade  
10th–12th grades

### Class of 2017 and beyond Maximum Annual Award is up to:

100% or \$7,500  
90% or \$6,750  
70% or \$5,250  
50% or \$3,750  
\$0

## WHAT DOES THE PROMISE PAY FOR?

**For the Classes of 2017 and beyond:** The Promise helps pay for **tuition and fees** after government grants (such as Pell, PHEAA, and FSEOG), and other scholarships, including tuition benefits, have been deducted. The Promise pays the remaining balance up to the student's maximum annual award amount, as outlined above, for each of four years of post-secondary education.

## WHERE CAN I USE THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students may attend any accredited college, university, trade, or technical school in Pennsylvania (find a list at [www.pittsburghpromise.org](http://www.pittsburghpromise.org)). Programs must be eligible for the federal Pell grant. Promise funds are for post-secondary education only, and cannot be used for graduate-level courses. The Promise does not fund online education.

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## HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

**For the Classes of 2017 and beyond:** The Pittsburgh Promise must be used within the four years immediately following graduation from high school.

## HOW DO I STAY PROMISE-ELIGIBLE ONCE I BEGIN POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and complete a full-time course load as defined by the school they attend, usually 12–16 credits. Check with your school for their definition of full-time. Academic progress will be reviewed by The Promise at the end of each school year. Part-time and online enrollment is not funded by The Promise. *Note: At most 4-year colleges, students must complete 15 credits per semester in order to graduate in 4 years.*

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete The Pittsburgh Promise release form during your senior year of high school and log in to your Promise Portal and enter your school interest(s). Access to the Promise Portal will be provided during the fall of your senior year.

## HOW DOES MY SCHOOL GET THE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students enter the name of the school they will attend in their Promise Portal and The Promise takes it from there. Schools invoice The Pittsburgh Promise for the funds. Checks are sent directly to the school.

## LIST OF PROMISE ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS

Pittsburgh Allderdice	Pittsburgh Milliones (UPrep)	City High Charter High School
Pittsburgh Brashear	Pittsburgh Obama	Urban Pathways Charter High School
Pittsburgh CAPA	Pittsburgh Sci-Tech Academy	The Academy Charter High School
Pittsburgh Carrick	Pittsburgh Westinghouse	Hill House Passport Academy
Pittsburgh Perry	Pittsburgh Online Academy*	

\*Pittsburgh Online Academy is the only online/cyber high school that qualifies students for The Promise Scholarship.

## MORE QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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